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2021 CELEBRATE ARCHITECTURE DESIGN COMPETITION: observation point

2021. BAA Design Competition

The Billings Architectural Association is proud to announce this year's Celebrate Architecture Design Competition; an observation point that capitalizes on the "Rims" true potential.

ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY 5PM MDT Monday, October 18, 2021.

DESIGN CHALLENGE

The Rimrocks of Billings, Montana (also known as the "Rims") are a geological formation that outcrops sections of Billings and the greater Yellowstone Valley. The geological formation created some eighty million years ago was once the shore of the Western Interior Seaway. Now a prominent fixture of the Billings skyline, the Rims have become a respite and a point of activity for Montana's largest city. Participants are tasked with submitting a proposal for an observation point that accommodates a small visitor's center which includes; a classroom, an information center / giftshop, restrooms, and a flexible outdoor seating area for lectures. The true intent of the competition is to engage in the possibility for "Rims" architecture while creating a node that connects the "Heights" to the downtown corridor while enhancing the existing trail system.

THE COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:

1. To connect the visitors center and the restrooms to the existing public trail system.
2. To implement a classroom. 350 sq.ft.
3. To include an information center and giftshop. 500 sq.ft.
4. To implement restrooms that make the site more amenable for public use.
 - a. 3 toilet fixtures per restroom – Men's and Women's
5. To provide outdoor space for a flexible 50 seat lecture area.

THE COMPETITION OBJECTIVES

1. Participants to place their design on the required site location (see site information page).
2. The observation point should employ sustainable strategies in a way that improves the sites location.
3. Water, Sewer, and Electrical connection is assumed to be provided to whatever site location the participants have select.
4. To engage the Rims in a positive manner (enrichment of place).
5. To provide a node for patrons of the Rims.

EVALUTATION CRITERIA

The jury will evaluate projects based on the response to the brief's objectives, program innovations, contextual relationships, and overall appearance of architecture and graphics.

SELECTION PROCESS

All proposals will be considered by the jury in their digital form in order to determine 5 or more finalists. Finalists will have their boards professionally printed and displayed during the Meeting in the Mountains. The final judging will occur during Meeting in the Mountains and winners will be announced at Meeting in the Mountain the on the night of Friday October 29th, 2021.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all Architects, Licensure Candidates, Architecture Students, Interior Designers, & Drafts-people. Entrants may enter as individuals or as teams. AIA or BAA membership is not required.

REGISTRATION FEES

\$50 per entry, due upon submission/registration through the BAA website at www.aiabillings.org on or before the submission deadline. We have an all-digital submission process, entrants will submit a one page pdf online. Judges will select finalists prior to meeting in the mountains, the BAA will have all finalists boards professionally printed for display and final judging at Meeting in the Mountains.

Students may contact us at <https://aiabillings.org/contact-us/> for an entry fee discount coupon

SUBMISSION MATERIALS

Submit entry boards in digital format through the BAA website at www.aiabillings.org using our digital submittal tool by the submission deadline. Each team is required to submit one (1) ARCH-D size board (24inx36in) in the form of a single PDF file under 15MB in size. The boards may be oriented landscape or portrait. The content of the boards is left open to each team to decide what best communicates its concepts and solutions to the jury. Designers will also be asked to include a 200- word max explanation of the project somewhere on the board. Possible board content may include, but is not limited to; plans, sections, elevations, rendered perspectives, diagrams, and images of physical models.

ANONYMITY

The anonymity of ALL entries must be carefully preserved by the entrants. There shall be no names, logos, or identifying marks on the presentation boards. Any entry that does not maintain the entrant's anonymity will be disqualified and their entry fee will be forfeited to the Billings Architectural Association.

AWARDS

BAA Jury Prizes will be presented at the banquet dinner on Friday, October 29, 2021. All entries will be considered for the juried prizes. **You do not need to be present to win.**

The BAA-appointed jury will award the following prizes:

- High Honor Award: \$ 1000
- Honor Award: \$ 500
- Merit Award: \$ 250

Top student entries will also be awarded interviews with local architecture firms. BAA reserves the right to add additional prizes as it sees fit. ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY 5PM MDT Monday, October 18, 2021.

SITE INFORMATION

SITE LOCATION

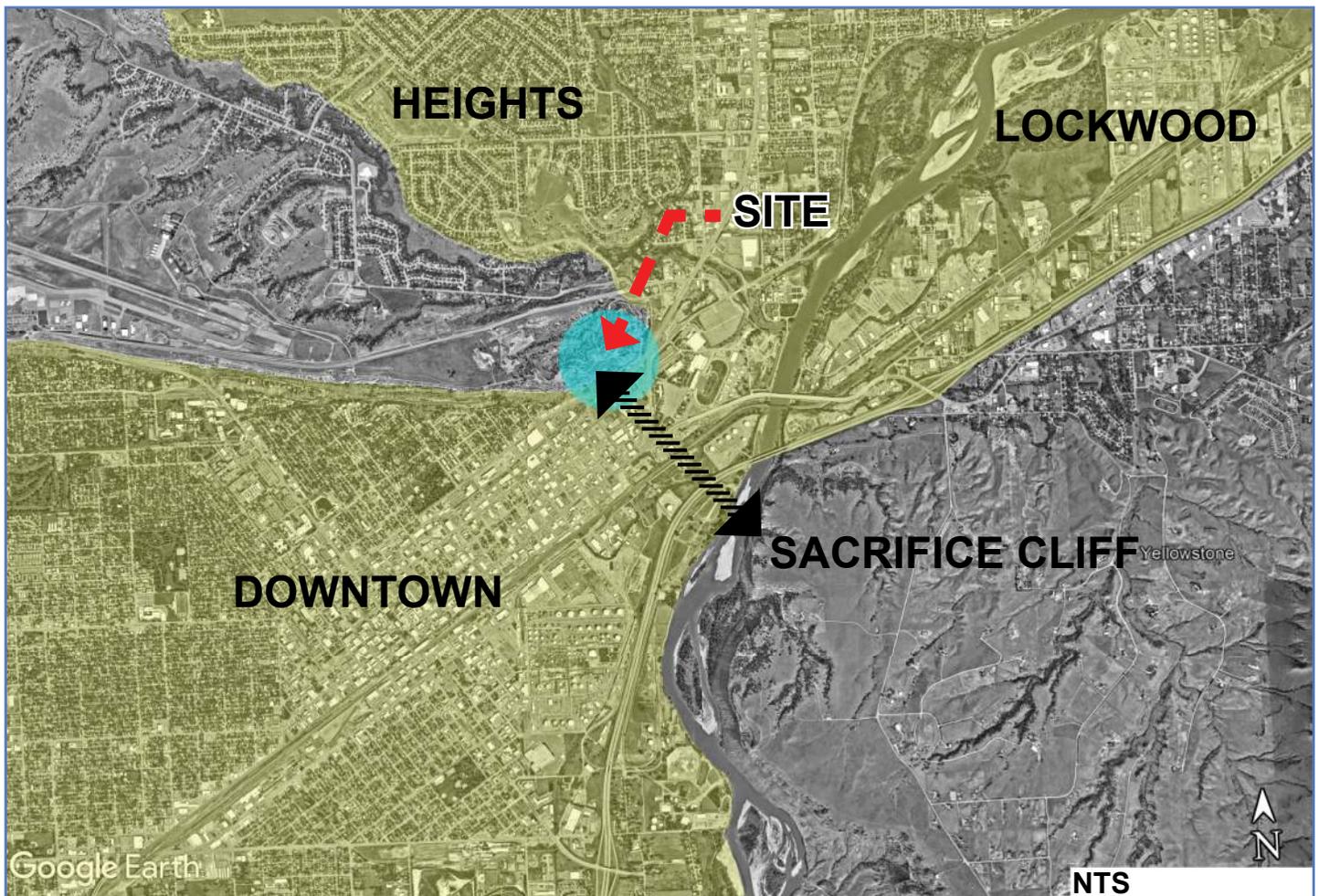
Swords park

- 45° 47' 55.13" North

- 108° 29' 12.48" West

The exact site location can be adjusted as seen fit, as long as it fits into the general confines of Swords Park and engages the existing Chief Black Otter Trail. The exact plot maybe altered, and cliff "Rims" interaction is encouraged.

Note the relationship of this particular site to the Yellowstone and Sacrifice Cliff as well as its unique pinch point that defines the Billings Heights Neighborhood and the Downtown core.



SITE MAP

